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# CamDrop: A New Explanation of Dropout and A Guided Regularization Method for Deep Neural Networks

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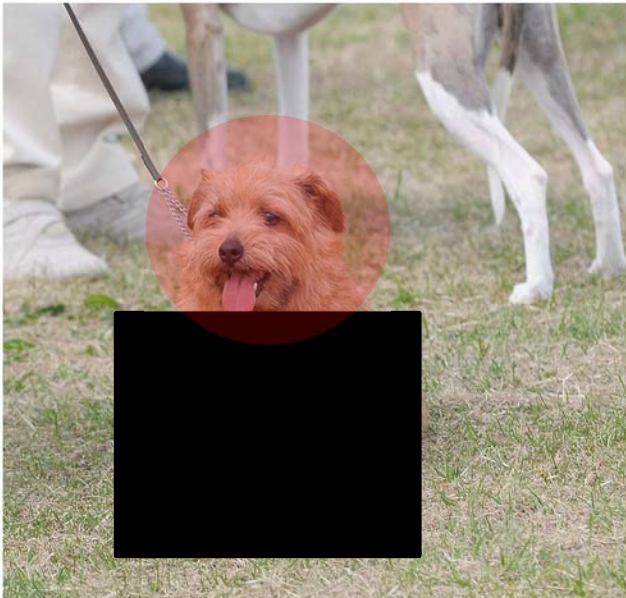


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# Introduction

- Take 5 seconds to guess which category these images belong to.
  - It's easy, right?
  - Because you can recognize them by **their distinctive features**





- What about these two?
  - Is it a little hard?
  - But you can still speculate their possible categories by **other neglected parts**



Cat or Dog

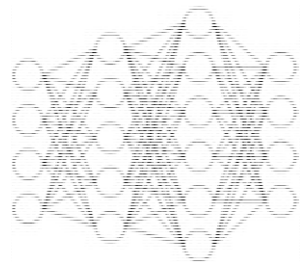


Tractor



# The gap

- Human race can speculate object categories even though the dominant part is occluded



DNN

How?  
→



Human race

- Representations extracted by a robust DNN can **represent more reasonable high-level semantics or detailed spatial information**
- A robust DNN should be **discouraged from “outsmarting” itself by cutting corners**, as clinging to the most obvious point may be one-sided or false positive, which **also known as “overfitting”**





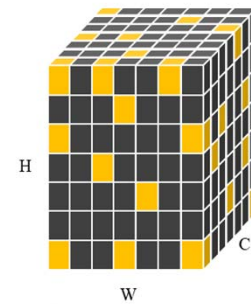
- Existing Dropout methods
  - Recent structured methods are better than others
  - But still lack of semantic guidance

$$\tilde{X}^l = M^l \odot X^l / \gamma$$

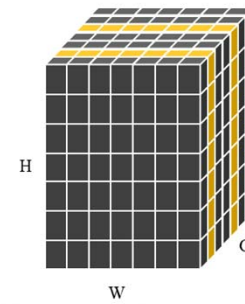
$$M_{c,h,w}^l \sim \text{Ber}(\gamma), \quad \gamma \in [0, 1]$$

$\gamma$ : the retaining rate

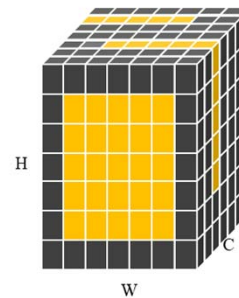
$\odot$ : the element-wise product of tensors



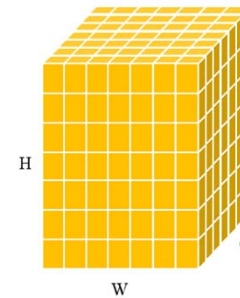
(a) Dropout



(b) SpatialDropout



(c) DropBlock



(d) DropPath



- Main idea
  - Utilize Class Activation Map (CAM) as the semantic guidance to *hides discriminative object parts* during training
  - Force the network to proactively *explore other neglected parts autonomously* instead of relying on external data

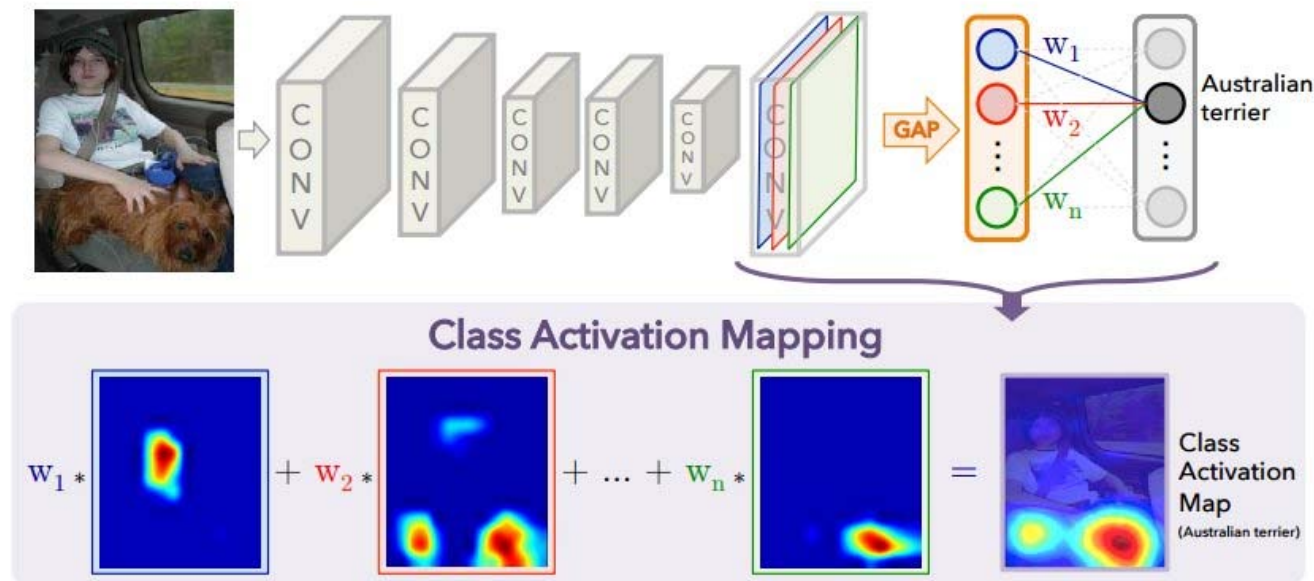


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- Class Activation Map (CAM)
  - You can see that the CNN is triggered by different semantic regions of the image
  - CAM indicates **the discriminative image regions used by the CNN to identify the particular category**



B. Zhou, A. Khosla, A. Lapedriza, A. Oliva, and A. Torralba. Learning Deep Features for Discriminative Localization.



(0) Generating **class activation map**  $J^{k'} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times H' \times W'}$ :

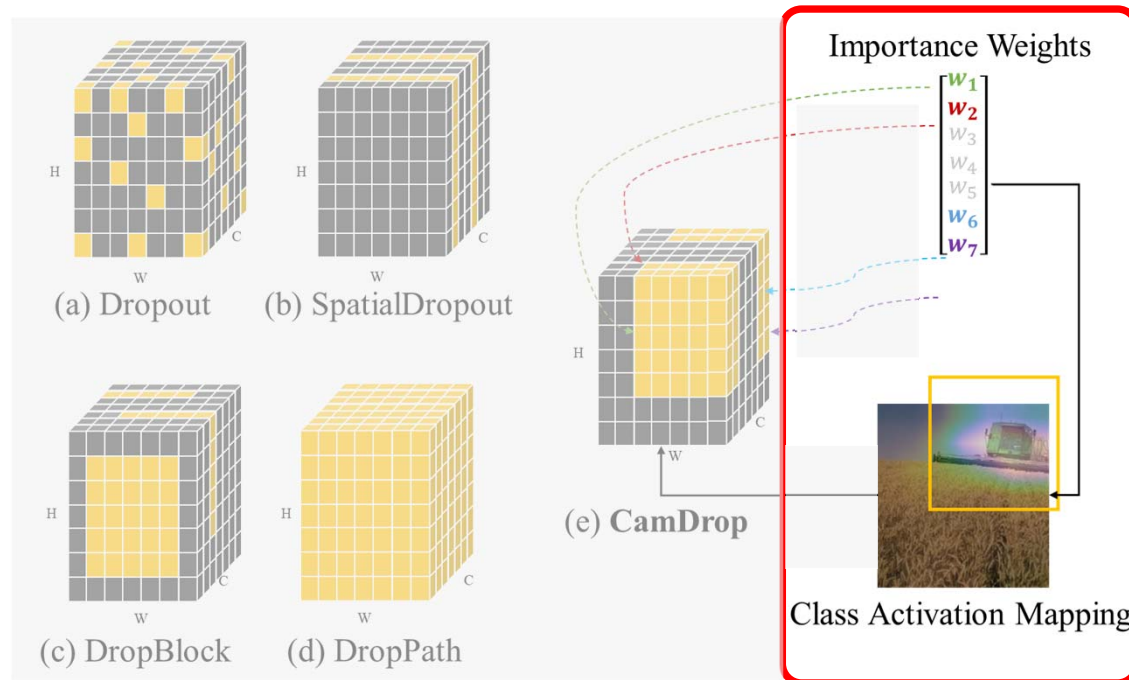
i. GAP layer:

$$J^{k'} = \sum_{c=1}^{C'} \alpha_c^{k'} Z_{c,:,:}$$

ii. Shallow Layers:

$$J^{k'} = \sum_{c=1}^{C''} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor \frac{C'}{C''} \rfloor} \alpha_j^{k'} \right) X_{c,:,:}^l$$

where the weight vector  $\alpha^{k'} \in \mathbb{R}^{C' \times 1}$  indicates the importance of each channel for a specific class  $k'$  of  $y$ ,  $Z$ ,  $X$  are the output feature map of the penultimate/middle layer.

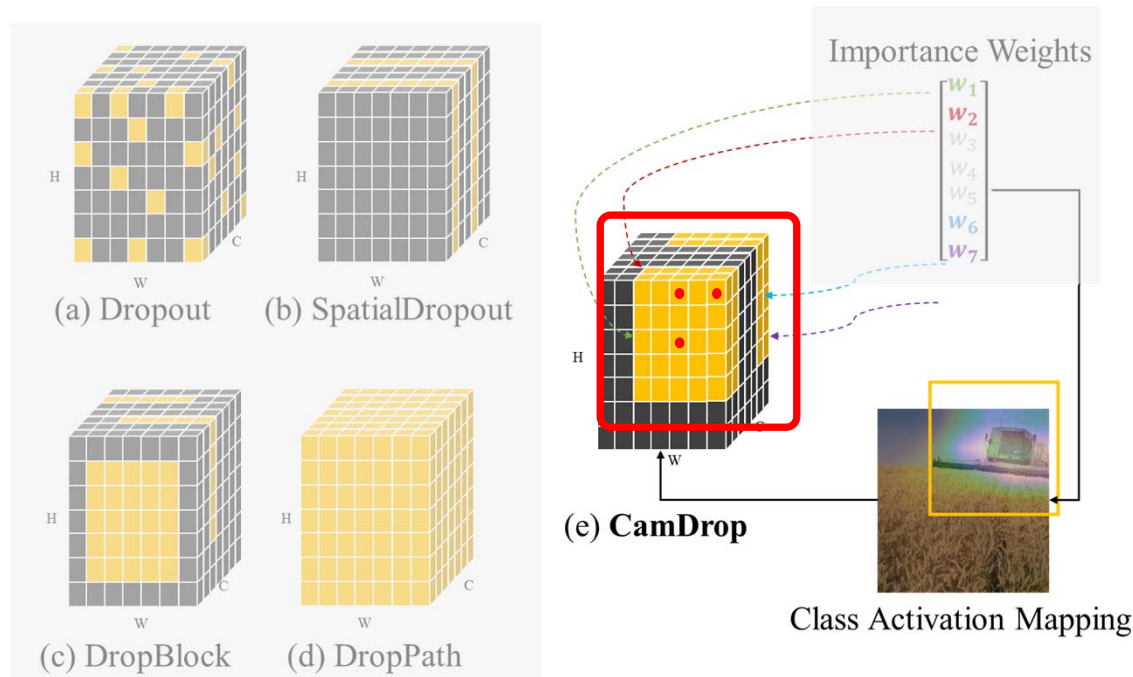


(1) Spatial-wise binary mask  $M^{(1)}$ :

$$M_{h,w}^{(1)} = \begin{cases} 0, & J_{h,w}^{k'} > \inf \{T_n^s\} \\ 1, & J_{h,w}^{k'} < \inf \{T_n^s\} \end{cases}$$

$J^{k'}$  can be considered as a set with  $H' \times W'$  elements  $\{j_{1,1}, \dots, j_{H' \times W'}\}$ , each of which implies the significance of units at spatial grid  $(h, w)$ .

$T_n^S$  is the set of **the  $n$  most important pixels**.

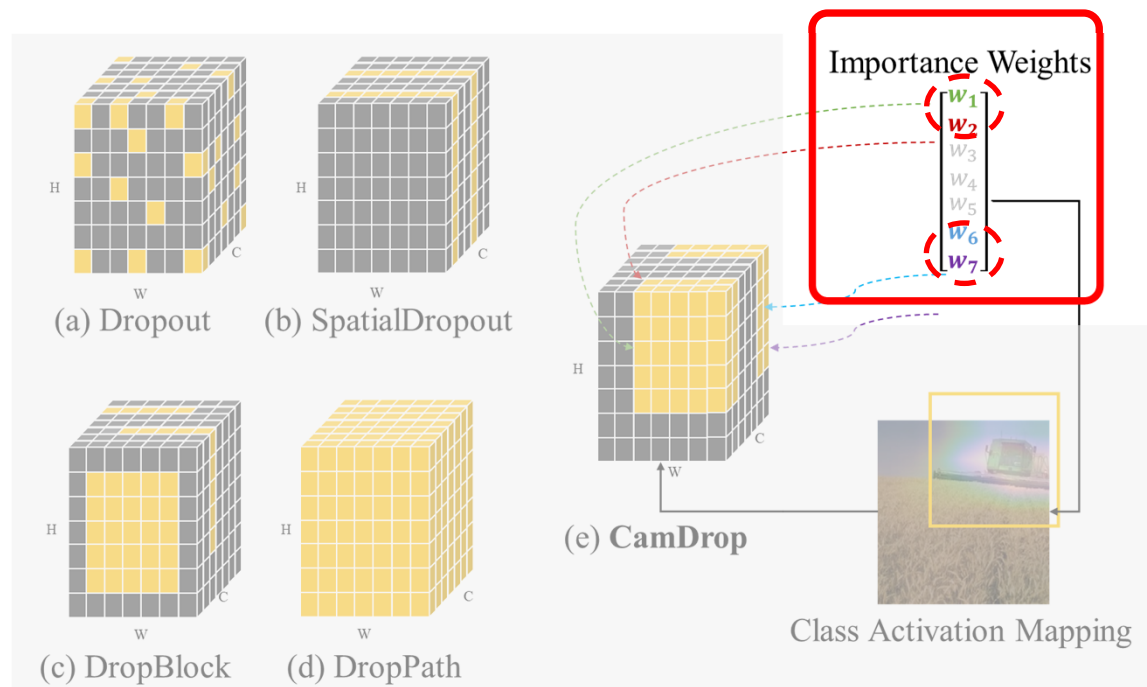




(2) Depth-wise binary mask  $M^{(2)}$ :

$$M_c^{(2)} = \begin{cases} 0, & \alpha_c^{k'} > \inf \{T_{n'}^d\} \\ 1, & \alpha_c^{k'} < \inf \{T_{n'}^d\} \end{cases}$$

where  $n'$  is a hyperparameter and  $\inf\{\cdot\}$  is the infimum of a set  
 $M_c^{(2)}$  is the set of **the  $n$  most important channels in  $\alpha^{k'}$**



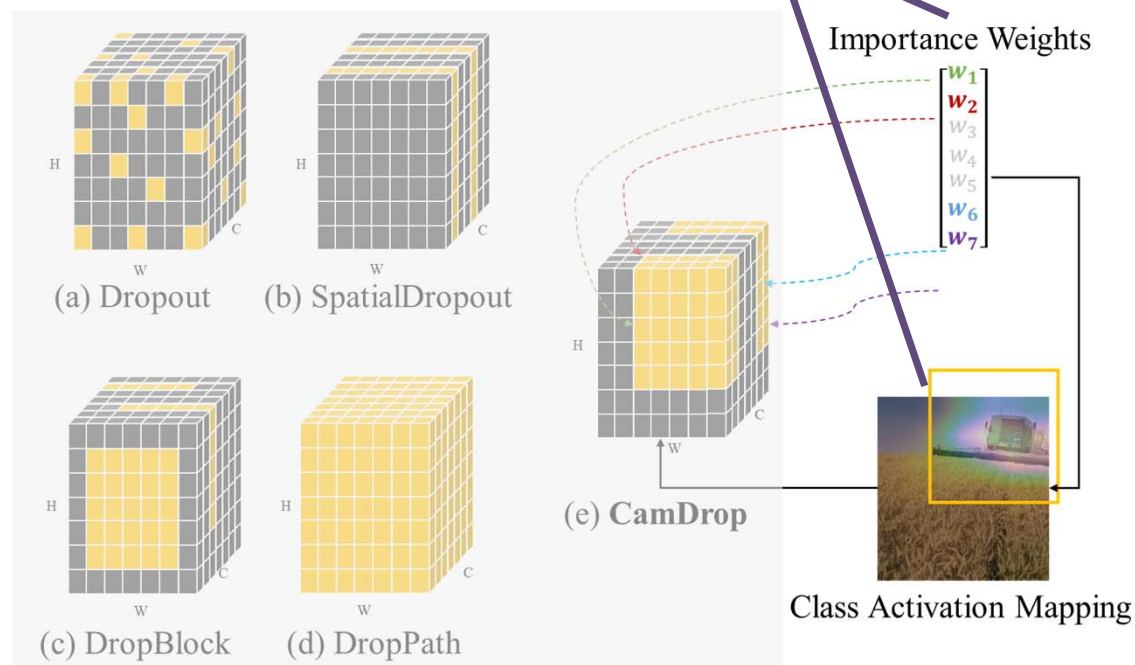


(3) Let  $M^{(3)}$  be the valid seed region of the feature map and  $\psi$  be a randomly sampled mask.

The combined mask  $\mathcal{M}$  is:

$$\mathcal{M} = \neg\psi \wedge \left( \bigwedge_i \neg M^{(i)} \right)$$

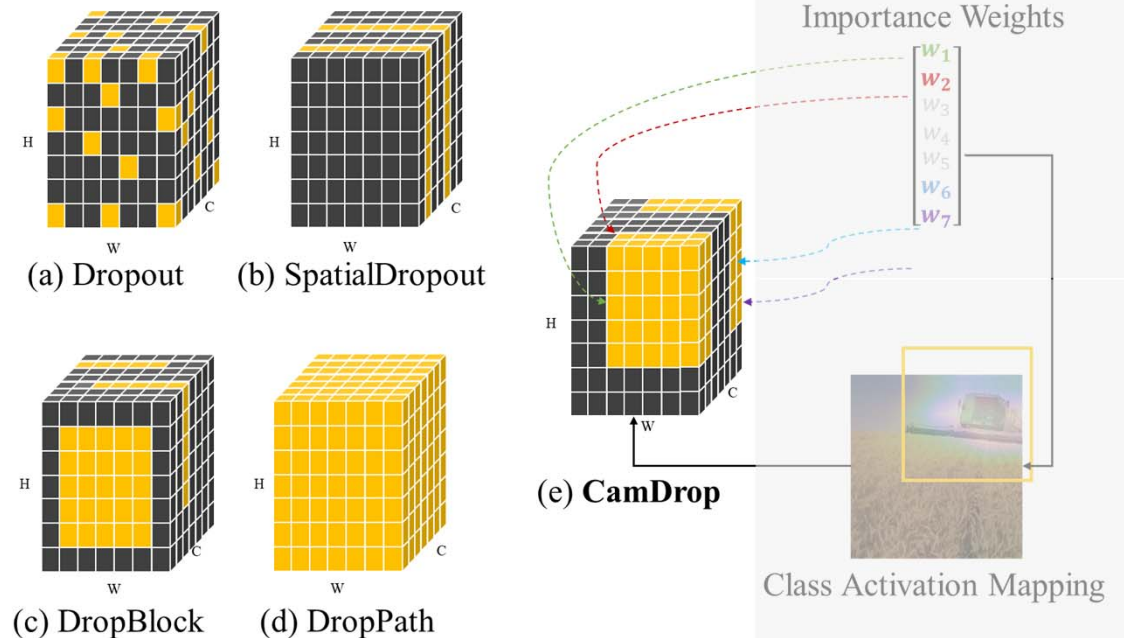
$\psi \sim \text{Bernouli}(\gamma)$



(4) Sweep over  $\mathcal{M}$  and set pixels in  $\{\forall q, \|q - u\|_1 = r\}$  zero, where  $u$  is the zero entries in  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $r$  is the length of mask.

We normalize  $\mathcal{M}$  by the factor:

$$\mathbf{M}^l = \frac{CHW}{\sum_{c=1, h=1, w=1}^{C, H, W} \mathcal{M}_{c, h, w}}$$





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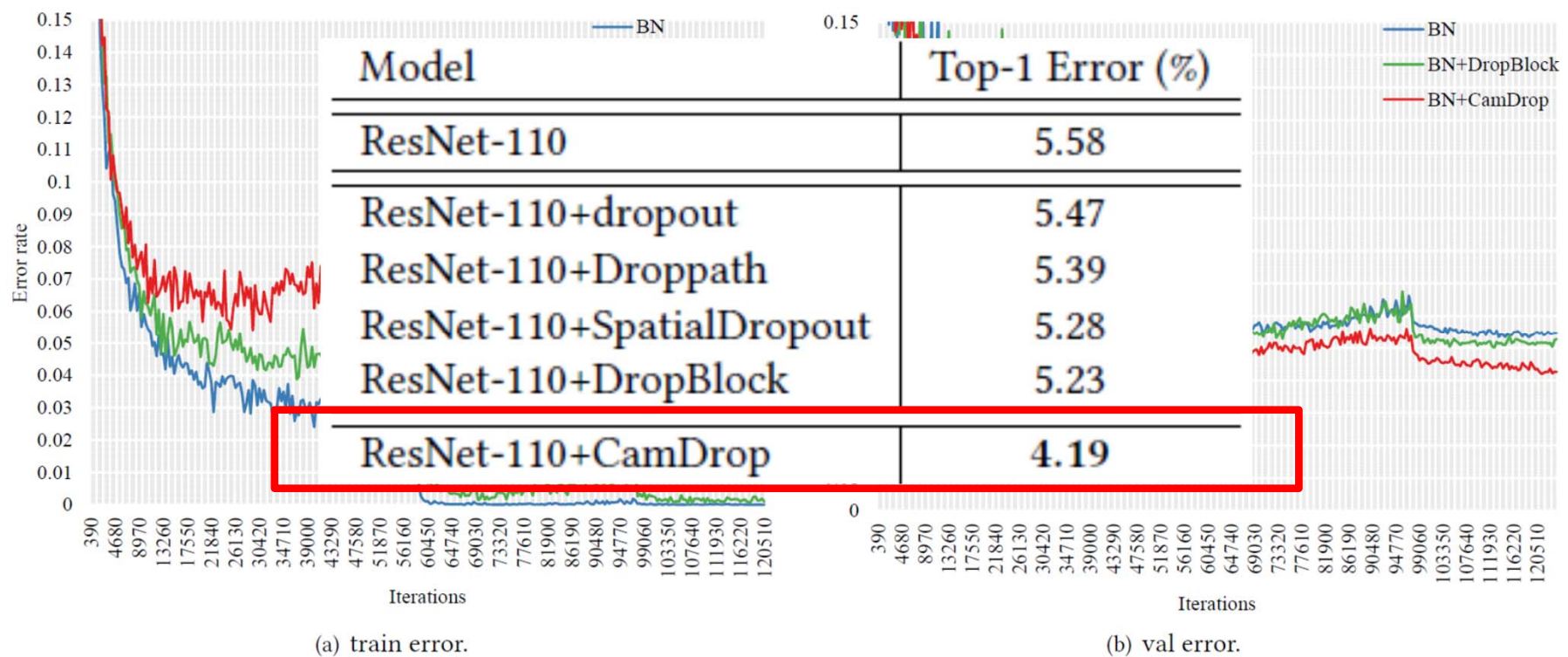




- Main Experiments
  - CIFAR10
  - ImageNet2012
- Ablation Studies
  - Effectiveness of CAM
  - Effectiveness of Importance Weights
  - Proportion of Dominant Visual Patterns
- More than Overfitting

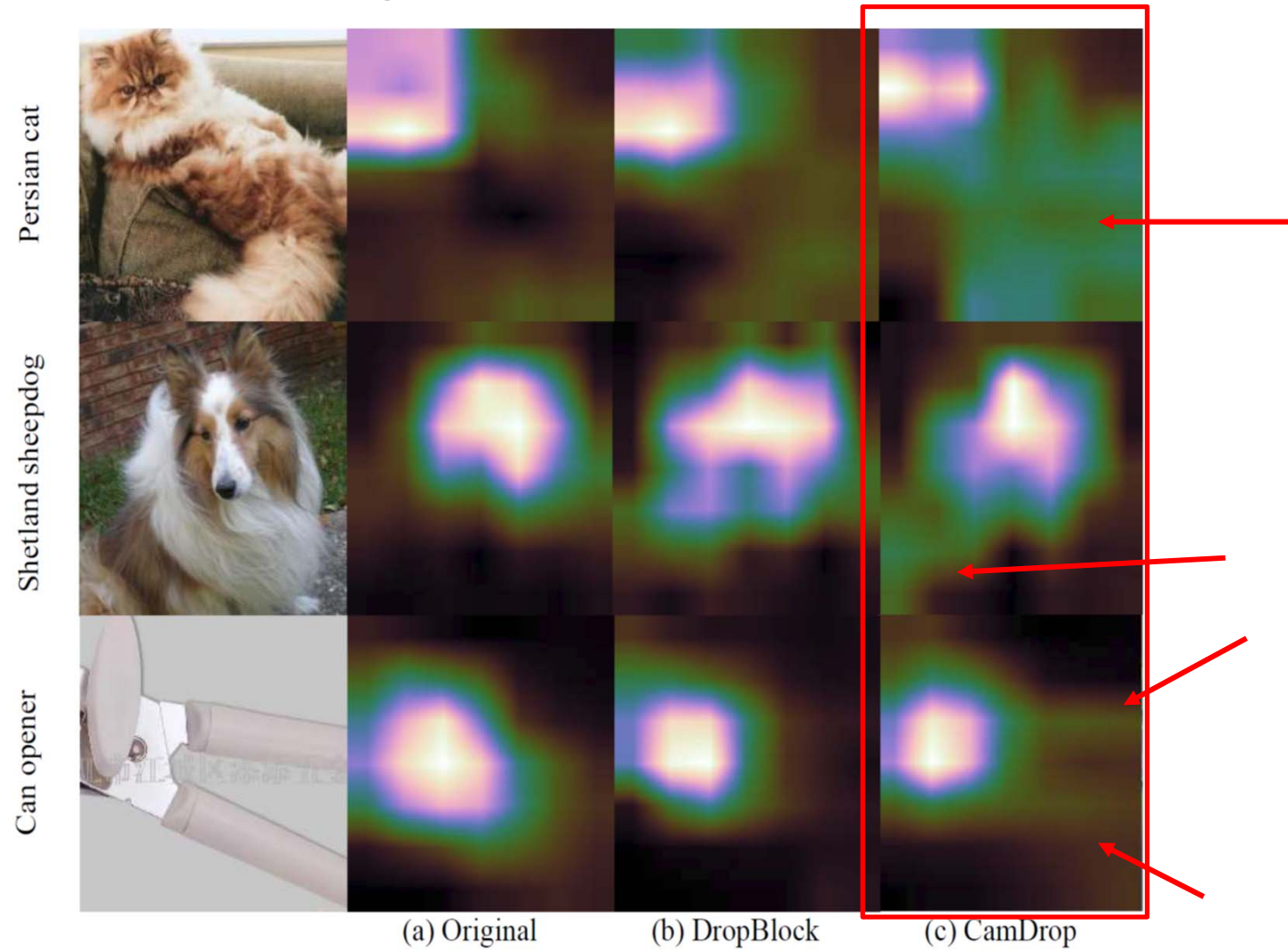


- Classification on CIFAR10



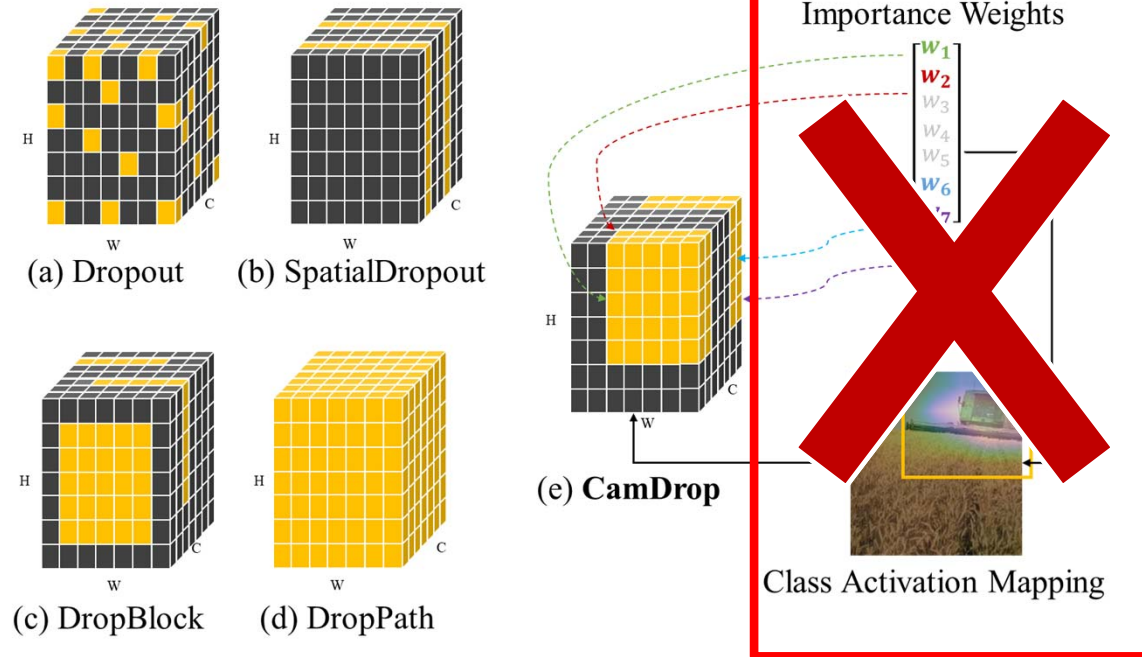


- Classification on ImageNet





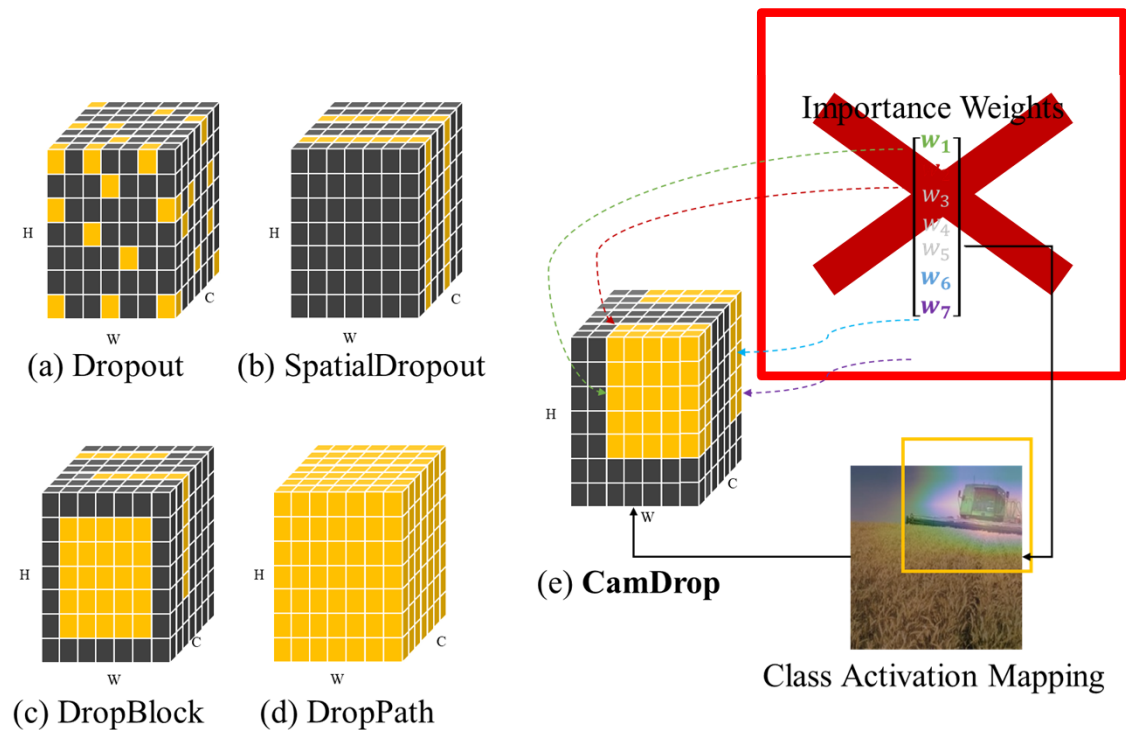
- Effectiveness of CAM



	Top-1 Error (%)
Avg guided	5.07
CAM guided	<b>4.19</b>



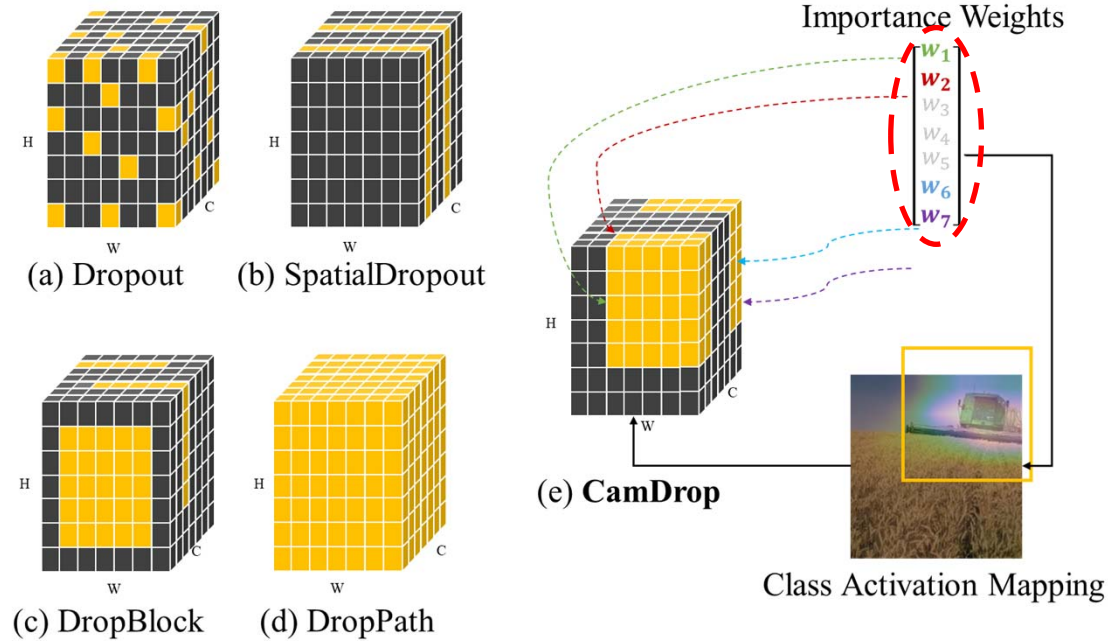
- Effectiveness of Importance Weights



	Top-1 Error (%)
All	4.51
Dominants	<b>4.19</b>



- Proportion of Dominant Visual Patterns



	Top-1 Error (%)
$n' = C/16$	4.39
$n' = C/8$	<b>4.19</b>
$n' = C/4$	4.75
$n' = C/2$	4.78





- More than dealing with Overfitting
  - When inverting the decay scheme of learning rate, the validation errors of models trained with CamDrop are still close **even though the inversed one is overfitting** (2nd/3rd rows).
  - **The two overfitting with and without CamDrop** have a large gap (1st/3rd rows).

Model	Val Error (%)	Train Error (%)
ResNet-110, $lr = 2.0$	7.16	2.22e-4
ResNet-110, $lr = 2.0$ with CamDrop	5.94	8.53e-2
ResNet-110, $lr = 2.0$ with CamDrop, inversely	6.29	1.66e-4





# More than overfitting

At the  $t$ -th update iteration in SGD, the weights and biases in the  $l$ -th layer will be updated as:

$$\mathbf{b}_t^l := \mathbf{b}_{t-1}^l - \eta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{b}_{t-1}^l}$$

According to the chain rules:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b_{t-1,i}^l} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{S}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}}{\partial b_{t-1,i}^l}$$

The upper bounds of the loss can be given by the Hölder inequality:

$$\left| \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b_{t-1,i}^l} \right| \leq \max_{k'} \left| \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial S_{k'}} \right| \left\| \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}}{\partial b_{t-1,i}^l} \right\|_1$$

Since  $|\partial \mathbf{L} / \partial \mathbf{S}| = |\text{softmax}(\mathbf{S}) - \mathbf{y}|$  cannot exceed 1 for any element, the inequality can be reduced to:

$$\left| \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b_{t-1,i}} \right| \leq \left\| \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}}{\partial b_{t-1,i}} \right\|_1$$

CamDrop masks out the several notable neurons, which gives a ***tighter upper bound*** of the update of biases  $\partial \mathbf{L} / \partial b$  at each iteration:

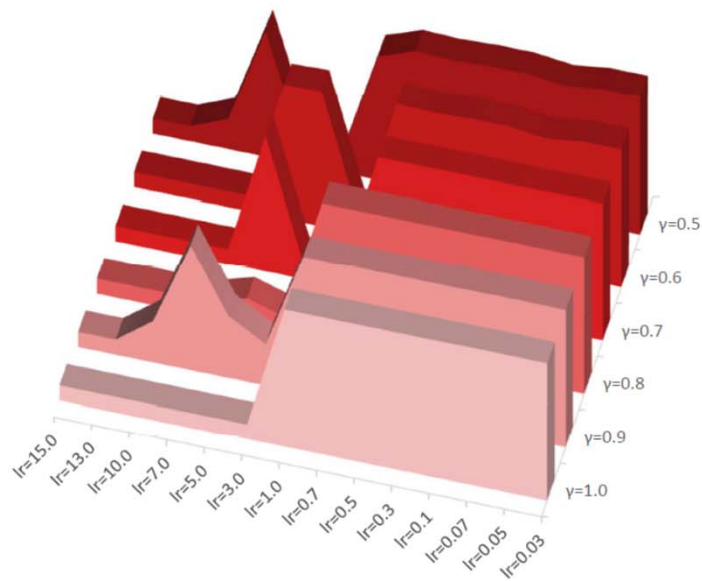
$$\left| \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b_{t-1,i}^l} \right| \leq \left\| \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}}{\partial b_{t-1,i}^l} \right\|_1^{(c)} \leq \left\| \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}}{\partial b_{t-1,i}^l} \right\|_1^{(t)} \leq \left\| \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}}{\partial b_{t-1,i}^l} \right\|_1$$

where  $\|\cdot\|^{(c)}$  and  $\|\cdot\|^{(t)}$  stand for the  $L_1$ -norm of derivative with Cam/traditional dropout mask respectively

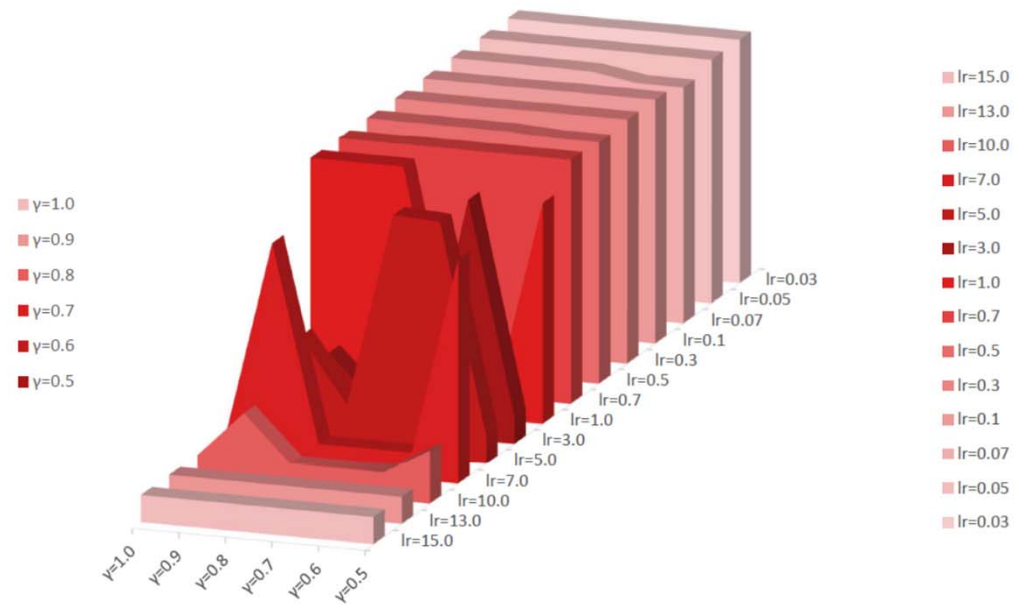


# More than overfitting

- Relationships among the learning rate, the remaining rate and top1-accuracy (z-axis)



(a)



(b)



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- Conclusion
  - A novel dropout method called **CamDrop** to improve the robustness of DNN models by **masking the dominant regions** with the guidance of **class activation mapping**.
  - Dropout techniques actually make **the upper bound of the magnitude of gradients much tighter**.
  - Data with **non-Euclidean structure** can utilize this technique by establishing graph with corresponding relationships between vertices and edges.



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